

Newsletter 3

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Allegory/Philosopher~ As we continued our study of allegory the students read and watched short clips on *Plato Allegory of the Cave*. While looking into what Plato was trying to express to us and how & what the cave stood for we jumped into Plato as a philosopher. The ideas of philosophers, what it means, how they influenced the world we live in today and how they thought about things. Because of this I felt that the film *The Truman Show* starring Jim Carrey would be a great example of allegory and a comparison to Plato's cave. In *The Truman Show* and *The Allegory of the Cave*, Truman and the prisoners are trapped in a false reality. The movie set represents the cave. Both Truman and the prisoners have been in their false realities from a young age, so it is all they know till they finally escape.

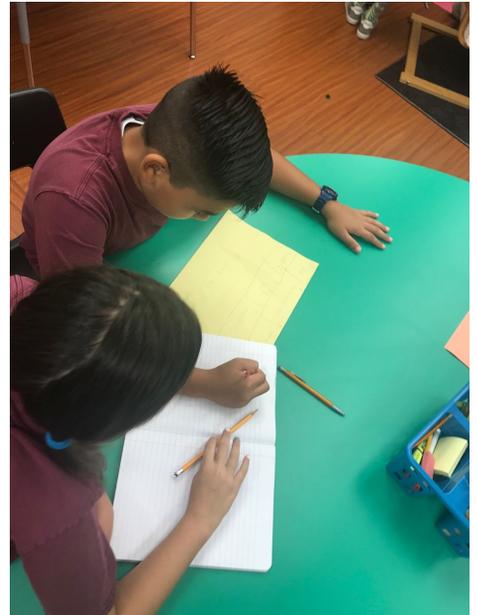
Math~ Our codes are officially done! The students took time on Friday to switch and challenge one another after creating difficult codes using equations that correlated with letters to break through each other's secret messages.

John McCain~ On Tuesday, when the students returned from the long weekend some asked why John McCain was so famous. After some curiosity and discussion the students and I jumped into what it means to be a POW (Prisoner of War) and what and who is a Maverick. The students took time to research and understand these terms and were able to identify how they fit into the life of John McCain, the former senator of Arizona. We were able to find a PBS special that focused on John McCain's journey from his childhood through Vietnam to the Senate. This was a great experience for the students to see what it takes to stand up for what you believe and the importance of standing up for something bigger than yourself.

Ernest Hemingway~ While looking into John McCain the students were able to study some of Ernest Hemingway and some of his famous quotes. This tied in with John McCain since his favorite novel was *For Whom the Bell Tolls*.

~ The students will each pick a philosopher to use as their topic for an informational/expository essay.

Reminder: Picture day is September 25!!



Hope you have a great weekend,

Ms. Alexandra

~There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man; true nobility is being superior to your former self. - Ernest Hemingway